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For: **HYDRODYNAMIC TYPE POROUS OIL-IMPREGNATED BEARING**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2003, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments without prejudice.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 22, 30 and 33 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend claims 17, 28, 31 and 34 as follows. A marked up copy of the claims is attached hereto.

17. (Amended) A method of producing a hydrodynamic type porous oil-impregnated bearing comprising a porous bearing body being formed with bearing surface on an inner peripheral surface thereof, said bearing surface having inclined hydrodynamic pressure generating grooves, and oil retained in pores of said bearing